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In re application of: Masaki SAWADA et al.

Serial No.: 10/002,237

Filed: November 2, 2001

For: SWITCHING DEVICE

Group A.U.: 2681

Date: February 27, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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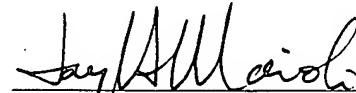
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting same to read as follows:

--A switching device having a central actuator and two outer actuators disposed separately from the central actuator on two sides, wherein the central actuator is a cylindrical

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